

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Karl David McAllister et al.

Title: Random Tumbling Washing Machine Wash Chamber for Improving Cleaning While Minimizing Mechanical Damage to Clothes

Serial No. 10/766,404 filed on January 27, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the granting of a priority claim for the above-referenced application, filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 27, 2004. Applicants submit that U.S. Patent Application No. 10/766,404 is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/142,345, filed May 9, 2002, now issued as U.S. Patent 7,127,767. Inventor Karl David McAllister is common to the above-referenced applications, and the applications were co-pending at the time of filing the above-referenced application.

An amendment to the specification has been filed, concurrently with this petition. The amendment to the specification incorporates the cross-reference to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/142,345.

The entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2) and the date of this filing was unintentional. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 23-1660 the amount of \$1410.00 required under 37 CFR §1.17(t) for the acceptance of the unintentionally delayed claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. §120.

Any questions concerning the foregoing should be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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